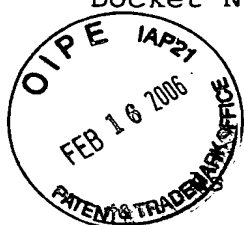


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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT  
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

a below-named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is described and which is claimed in the specification, entitled: THIN-WALLED ANTIFRICTION BEARINGS

The specification [XX] is attached hereto [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.<sup>1</sup>

| COUNTRY | APPLICATION<br>NUMBER | DATE<br>(Day, Month, Year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED<br>UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 |        |
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| Germany | 10333875.6            | 25 July 2003               | Yes [X]                                 | No [ ] |
| EP      | PCT/EP2004/006757     | 23 June 2004               | Yes [X]                                 | No [ ] |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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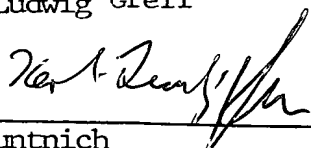
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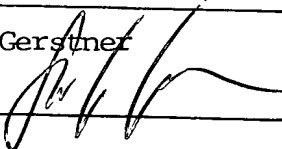
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**PCT ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT**

Whereas, We, Karl-Ludwig Grell, Leo Muntnich, Gunter Grube, Stefan Gerstner, Norbert Radinger , citizens of Germany and residents of Germany for which International Application PCT/EP2004/006757 has been filed on June 23, 2004 in which the United States has been named for a Designated State, and an application for Letters Patent of the United States thus entitled has been made, said application having been executed on even date herewith and the German priority date of July 25, 2003 of Application Serial No. 103 33 875.6 is hereby claimed.

Whereas, SCHAEFFLER KG a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Germany and having a place of business at

Industriestrasse 1-3, 91074 Herzogenaurach, Germany is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, application and any Letters Patent which may issue thereon;

Now, Therefore, to all whom it may concern, be it known that we, the said Karl-Ludwig Grell, Leo Muntnich, Gunter Grube, Stefan Gerstner, Norbert Radinger , for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by the said SCHAEFFLER KG and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, transfer and set over unto the said SCHAEFFLER KG its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said

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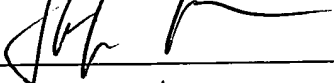
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